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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR Major Subordinate Commanders

SUBJECT: DRIVER'S DOZEN POV Safety Video

1. The U.S. Army Safety Center has produced a new video titled DRIVER'S DOZEN (Pin:711416; ICN: TVT 20-1131). Copies of the video will be distributed with this memorandum to all the MSCs. The short 15minute film depicts a young soldier who encounters Sergeant Safety during inprocessing at his first duty station. Sergeant Safety points out a dozen areas of traffic safety to the new soldiers to show a caring concern for the soldier.
2. Primary target group for the video are junior service members who, incidentally, are also the majority group of our traffic accidents/fatalities. Family members can also benefit from the traffic safety pointers mentioned in the video.
3. The video can be used to augment units' POV accident prevention programs/efforts. The video should be utilized for newcomer orientations/briefings and can also be of use during quarterly unit safety stand downs (III Corps Policy Memorandum # G1-00-10). To assist with effectively presenting the video, a facilitator's guide is at enclosure which includes a list of a dozen local traffic safety pointers titled Fort Hood Driver's Dozen.
4. The DRIVER'S DOZEN video, when used at the right training opportunity, can have a positive impact on your POV accident prevention programs. The POV TOOL BOX, recently endorsed by the Commanding General at the 9 Mar 01 installation-wide OPD, contains numerous other POV Safety ideas/promotions that can enhance your safety efforts. The POV TOOL BOX can be found on the III Corps G1 Safety public folder on the LAN.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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FACILITATOR'S GUIDE FOR "THE DRIVER'S DOZEN" (PIN 711416)
(Reference DODI 6005.4 and AR 385.55)

Target: Junior service members, family members, and new civilian employees.

Terminal Objective/Purpose: Reduce Traffic accidents through education and behavior modification of drivers. Make audience aware of the 12 traffic safety points. In addition, inform audience of post-specific traffic rules.

Preparation:

1. **Watch the video.** Become familiar with the 12 traffic safety points presented in the video: 1. Seatbelts, 2. Airbags, 3. Child safety, 4. Motorcycle safety, 5. Bicycle safety, 6. Pedestrian safety, 7. Headphone use, 8. Vehicle inspections, 9. No lasers or radar detectors, 10. No readily available alcohol, 11. Post-specific rules, 12. Driver's training.
2. **Review local post-specific traffic policies and pointers.** Make a simple list of pointers.
3. **Prepare handout.** Copy one side from "Driver's Dozen" handout master (provided) and other side from list of local post-specific traffic policies and pointers (you make).
4. **Set up the training area.** Select a comfortable, quiet location with minimum distractions. Check out the TV and VCR ahead of time, and insure they are in proper working order. Ensure tape is at the beginning. Ensure there are enough handouts.

Training:

1. **Introduce the video.** "This video focuses on 12 major traffic safety points. At the end I will address local post-specific traffic policies and pointers"
2. **Show the video.**
3. **Following the video discuss these points.**
Learning Activity 1: Brief the post's traffic policies and pointers. Pass out handouts.
Learning Activity 2: Recap the 12 points. Cover this additional information.
 - a. If a child in your vehicle needs attention, pull over and stop before helping them.
 - b. Do not wear headphones unless you are on a track.
 - c. Discuss bicycle and skating safety.
 - Head injuries can be serious, protect your head—wear a helmet.
 - Wear wrist guards and knee/elbow pads when skating.
 - See and be seen—wear proper clothes and reflectors.
 - Make sure your equipment is safe and properly adjusted.
 - Use marked paths and safe areas when possible.
 - Use hand signals when turning.
 - When riding bikes or skating on the street, "go with the flow"
always go in the same direction as car traffic.

4. **Additional resources.** Additional traffic accident-prevention resources may be found at the Army Safety web site: <http://safety.army.mil>. Color brochures on child seats and bicycle helmets can be ordered through The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (NHTSA, Media & Marketing Division, 400 Seventh street, S.W., NTS-22, Washington, D.C. 20590) or <http://nhtsa.dot.gov>

DRIVER'S DOZEN

1. **Seatbelts** (*Cut your chance of being killed or seriously hurt IN HALF*)
2. **Airbags** (*allow 10 inches between steering wheel and driver—in case it inflates*)
3. **Child safety** (*12 years and under—back is where it's at, use the correct child seat*)
4. **Motorcycle safety** (*It won't be pretty to see what's left after the G-forces perform experiments on your body. Soooo—*)
 - DOT-approved helmet, • Eye protection, • Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, • Long trousers,
 - Brightly colored top during day, • Reflective during night, • Full-fingered gloves,
 - Sturdy footwear (leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes), • Headlights on at all times,
 - Rear-view mirrors on handlebars, • License(s)
5. **Bicycle safety** (*“Go with the flow”*)
 - Use marked paths and safe areas when possible
 - See and be seen — wear proper clothes and reflectors
 - Go with the flow — when riding on the street go in the same direction as vehicle traffic and use hand signals when turning
 - Protect your head — when riding wear a helmet
6. **Pedestrian safety**
 - Use marked paths and safe areas when possible
 - See and be seen — wear proper clothes and reflectors
 - Go with the flow — when skating on the street go in the same direction as vehicle traffic and use hand signals when turning
 - Protective equipment — when skating wear a helmet, wrist guards, and knee/elbow pads
 - Make sure your equipment is properly adjusted
 - Especially watch for children walking to and from school, loading and unloading school busses, and playing in housing areas
7. **Headphone use** (*Only place you can listen to the tunes is on a track*)
8. **Vehicle inspections** *download checklist from <http://safety.army.mil>. List includes--*
 - safety belts • lights • window tint • exhaust system • brake systems
 - wipers • horns • suspension • steering systems • wheel assemblies
 - tires
9. **No Laser and Radar detectors in use on post**
10. **Alcohol** (*No open containers in passenger compartment*)
11. **Post-specific rules** (*ask your first-line supervisor*)
12. **Driver's training** (*4 hours of training for age 26 and under*)

Fort Hood Driver's Dozen

1. Until its road widening is finished in a few years, Texas Highway 195 between Killeen and Georgetown is mainly a two-lane road in most areas. Numerous sharp curves have claimed a number of lives over the past years due to head-on collisions and running off of the road. If you must travel this road, obey the posted speed limits, all laws on the roadway, pay attention to posted warning signs, drive defensively, and most of all – don't lose your patience with slow-moving traffic in the numerous NO PASSING zones. If your sole purpose for traveling on Highway 195 is to save time getting to Austin, do you and your family a safety favor, take Highway 190 to IH 35 and take IH 35 south to Austin. **ARRIVE ALIVE!** 🚗
2. Many have drowned over the years in their vehicles when attempting to cross flooded low water crossings. Low water crossing warnings, barricades, and restrictions, on both tactical and public roads in the Ft Hood area must be obeyed. Be aware that it does not have to be raining at Ft Hood for tactical and non-tactical river/stream crossings and low lying public roads to be too dangerous to cross due to flooding. Rain that occurs 15 or more miles from Fort Hood can swell Fort Hood streams and creeks with little warning, especially at night.
3. The Fort Hood traffic pattern is an intricate system designed to maintain a safe balance between individual welfare and fluid traffic movement. For that reason, everybody needs to do their part to comply with posted speed limits, signs, and all other traffic devices to ensure traffic safety for all.
4. Courtesy is contagious! That also goes for driving courtesy. We are all part of Fort Hood, the "Great Place" and should always demonstrate courteous and civilized driving habits.
5. Battalion Avenue is closed to all traffic (including bicycles, motorcycles, skateboards, and roller blades) other than emergency vehicles from 0630-0800, Monday through Wednesday and Friday, for the purpose of unit PT; do not drive around the emplaced barricades.
6. All soldiers will wear a reflective safety vest while participating in PT (including those with the new PT uniform), riding a bicycle, working in a detail, performing police call on or along an improved road, or performing duties as a vehicle convoy guide on Fort Hood. The vest must be visible from the front and rear and unobstructed (not concealed) by clothing or equipment.
7. On Ft Hood, personnel riding a motorcycle, operator and passenger, must wear a brightly colored reflective vest. Also soldiers and their passengers, riding a motorcycle off Ft Hood must wear a reflective vest. The reflective vest will be worn as an outer garment and will not be covered by any other article of clothing or equipment, i.e., backpacks.

8. Personnel who ride a motorcycle to and from PT are not exempt from the requirements of AR 385-55. Pants, long sleeves, over the ankle footwear, full finger gloves, helmet, eye protection and reflective vest must be worn while riding the motorcycle.

9. Although the State of Texas does not require the use of a helmet when riding a motorcycle, ARMY policy requires that soldiers and their passengers wear helmets at all times, when on either an on or off road motorcycle.

10. Personnel, to include children, will not be transported in the back of a pickup truck, neither privately owned nor government on or off base, regardless of distance or speed, unless permanently installed seats are present and used. Tactical vehicles transporting personnel in the back, in addition to seats must also have bows and canvas in place/use.

11. No person shall drive any tactical vehicle through any family housing area except in direct support of authorized "Community Life" activities, i.e., removal of tree limbs or the transportation of special project material (tables, swings, or athletic equipment). This prohibition also applies to commercial vehicles used tactically (CUCV).

12. Parking is authorized only in designated areas. Parking in unauthorized areas can present a safety hazard to traffic. Numerous accidents have occurred when unsafely parked vehicles created blind spots at intersections causing automobile drivers unable to observe oncoming traffic on the cross road.

